GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR & RD Dept – Allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up under MGNREGS programme for the Financial Year 2012-13 in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District – Charges against Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Veeraghattam (M), Palakonda Division, Srikakulam District – Proved in the regular inquiry – Representation – Imposition of a penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 320 **Dated: 11-06-2021.**

Read the following:

1. From the DG, GA (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No. 10 (C.NO. 481-2/V&E/E2/2013), dt: 13.01.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.1161, PR&RD (Vig.I) Department, Dt:22.12.2015.
3. From the ENC, PR, Letter No. vig. I (1)/1430/2015, dt: 10.06.2016.
4. G.O.Rt.No.754, PR&RD (Vig. I) Department, Dt: 15.06.2018.
5. From the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam and Inquiry Officer, Letter Rc. NO.. 152/2016/A1, dt: 17.08.2019.
6. Govt. Memo No. 2135/Vig. I/2015, PR&RD (Vigt. I) Dept., Dt: 02.08.2020.
7. From the ENC,PR, Letter No. Vig. I(1)/30395/2008, dated: 26.11.2020.

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ORDER:-

Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department made in the reference 1st read above, on the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads and drains taken up in PRI Division, Palakonda, Srikakulam District under MGNREGS programme for the Financial Year 2012-13, in the reference 2nd read above, Government, have initiated disciplinary proceedings duly framing following article of charge under Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Veeraghattam (M), Palakonda Division, Srikakulam District, with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge : Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, during his tenure as Assistant Engineer, PR, Veeraghattam, executed works of internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies in Kattulakaviti

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(H) of Kattulakaviti GP in Veeraghattam Mandal, Srikakulam District under MGNREGS programme for the FY 2012-13 and committed certain irregularities like substandard execution of CC M30 grade pavement causing loss to the Government exchequer. Hence the charge.

2. In the reference 3rd cited, the Engineer-in-Chief, PR has furnisihed the written statement of defence of the charged officer Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR).

3. Government, having not satisfied with the written statement of defence submitted by the above Charged Officer, have decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 4th read above, Government have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District as the Inquiry Authority to conduct inquiry into the charges framed against the charged officer Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR)and also against the other eight (8) co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 5th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Srikakulam District and Inquiry Officer has furnished inquiry report dt: 17.08.2019 along with his findings on each charged officer. In the findings, the Inquiring Authority, among others, has held that charge is held proved against the charged officer Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, former Assistant Engineer / M.E.O, M.P., Veeraghattam and presently working as M.E.O., M.P., Ranastalam, Srikakulam District.

5. In the reference 6th read above, Government, among others, have communicated the copy of the Inquiry report to the charged officer Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, Assistant Engineer (PR) for submitting his representation, if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the Engineer-in—Chief, PR, A.P, Vijayawada has furnished the representation dt:5.11.2020 of Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, former Asst. Engineer, PR, Veeraghattam (M) and presenlty working as M.E.O., M.P., Ranastalam. He has stated that he was having multifarious duties at the time of execution and it was not possible for him to watch closely about curing and barricading after laying the concrete. The works were executed under MGNREGS through the Sarpanches who were not having technical skills and the proposed recovery was recovered and there is no financial loss. The Enquiry Officer did not relish on his defence. He has no option except to bow his head before the disciplinary authority and requested to conclude the action at an early date.

7. Government have examined the matter and observe that in the work "providing internal roads with CC drains in SC, ST colonies in Kattulakaviti (H) of Kattulakaviti G.P in Veeraghattam Mandal, that the concrete strength is very low. The low strength was due to improper mixing, curing etc., The Charged Officer Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao,

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Assistant Engineer, being the first level executing officer is responsible for not maintaining the cube test results. The charged officer can not be absolved from the charge.

8 Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the mater, have decided and hereby order to impose the penalty of stoppage of one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect under Rule 9 (iv) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 against Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, former Assistant Engineer / M.E.O, M.P., Veeraghattam and presently working as M.E.O., M.P., Ranastalam, Srikakulam District in the matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P, Vijayawada is requested to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri B. Kurmanandha Rao, former Assistant Engineer / M.E.O,
M.P., Veeraghattam and presently working as M.E.O.,
M.P., Ranastalam, Srikakulam District
through Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
(with a request to serve the order on the individual and
furnish the dated acknowledgment copy)
The Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
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SECTION OFFICER